

## I CLAIM:

1       1. A system for accelerating the solution of treatment gas  
2       into a liquid stream, said system being adapted to receive and  
3       maintain said stream under pressure, said system comprising:

4                 an aspirating injector comprising a body having an  
5       axial passage, a converging section, a throat section and a  
6       diverging section in said passage in that order, an injector port  
7       through said body entering said throat section and adapted to  
8       receive treatment gas to be dissolved in said liquid stream, said  
9       passage having an inlet port to receive said stream, and an  
10      outlet port;

11                a collider and a reactor, each having an inlet port and  
12       an outlet port, the inlet port of one of them being connected to  
13       the outlet port of the injector, its outlet port connected to the  
14       inlet port of the other and; a fluid release receiving said  
15       stream from said last mentioned outlet port for releasing the  
16       treated stream from the system while maintaining the system under  
17       pressure.

1       2. A system according to claim 1 in which said fluid  
2       release comprises a gas/liquid separator which separates and  
3       releases the stream's liquid and the stream's gases which remain  
4       undissolved in said liquid.

1       3. A system according to claim 2 in which said fluid  
2 release further includes a regulator valve for the liquid stream.

1       4. A system according to claim 2 in which said separator  
2 is a centrifugal separator.

1       5. A system according to claim 1 in which said collider  
2 comprises a body forming a chamber, pair of nozzles opposing one  
3 another, said stream being divided so a portion flows through  
4 each said nozzle with their streams flowing toward and meeting  
5 one another in said chamber, said body having an outlet port  
6 exiting the chamber.

1       6. A system according to claim 5 in which said portions of  
2 said stream intersect at an included angle not larger than 90  
3 degrees.

1       7. A system according to claim 5 in which said portions of  
2 said stream are axially aligned, and in which said exit port  
3 exits the chamber laterally, midway between said nozzles.

1       8. A system according to claim 5 in which each of said  
2 nozzles includes a converging section, and twisting vanes in said  
3 converging section whereby to impart a rotary motion to the outer

4 region of the stream as it flows through the nozzle.

1       9. Apparatus according to claim 1 in which said reactor  
2 comprises a body having a central axis with an internal  
3 cylindrical wall forming an axial internal cylinder, its said  
4 inlet port adapted to receive said stream, and its said outlet  
5 port adapted to discharge said stream with an increased dissolved  
6 amount of said treatment gas therein, said inlet port and said  
7 outlet port being centrally located on said central axis;

8              a nozzle in said inlet port directing said stream  
9 axially into said cylinder;

10              a partial barrier extending laterally across said  
11 cylinder dividing said cylinder onto a first chamber and a second  
12 chamber, said barrier having an upstream face facing into said  
13 first chamber and axially facing said nozzle, and a downstream  
14 face facing into said second chamber and facing said outlet port;

15              said upstream face having a concave circular first  
16 reflecting surface centered on said central axis and facing said  
17 nozzle, the radius of said reflecting surface being smaller than  
18 the internal radius of said internal cylindrical wall;

19              a plurality of axially extending arcuate blades, each  
20 having an outer wall closely fitting to said internal cylindrical  
21 wall, a dimension of radial thickness, and an inner wall  
22 concentric with its said outer wall, said blades having axially-

23 extending side walls, said blades being angularly spaced from one  
24 another to provide an equal number of axial slots between them;

25                 a cove surface circularly surrounding said first  
26 nozzle, extending to said inner walls of the blades and to their  
27 intersections with said slots, whereby said stream discharges  
28 from said nozzle so a major portion of it strikes said reflecting  
29 surface, which reverses a major portion of the flow to the cove  
30 surface which in turn reflects a major portion of said flow  
31 toward said barrier along said blades and in said slots, said  
32 partial barrier being pierced between with slots between said  
33 slots to provide for flow from said first chamber into said  
34 second chamber, thereby to pass said flow from the first chamber  
35 into said second chamber, said outlet port discharging from said  
36 second chamber.

1                 10. Apparatus according to claim 9 in which said second  
2 chamber comprises a partial barrier facing toward said outlet  
3 port, a plurality of blades and slots as in said first chamber,  
4 said slots in the first and second chamber being rotationally  
5 displaced from one another, whereby to form joggle shoulders  
6 encountered by portions of the stream flowing across the  
7 barriers, said second chamber including a cove receptive of some  
8 of the flow across the barrier to reflect at least some of the  
9 flow of the stream to the barrier in said second chamber, which

10 in turn reflects it to said outlet port.

1 11. Apparatus according to claim 10 in which said fluid  
2 release comprises a gas/liquid separator which separate and  
3 releases the stream's liquid and the stream's gases which remain  
4 undissolved in said liquid.

1 12. Apparatus according to claim 3 in which said fluid  
2 release comprises a gas/liquid separator which separate and  
3 releases the stream's liquid and the stream's gases which remain  
4 undissolved in said liquid.

1 13. Apparatus according to claim 11 in which said separator  
2 is a centrifugal separator.

1 14. Apparatus according to claim 10 in which said collider  
2 comprises a body forming a chamber, pair of nozzles opposing one  
3 another, said stream being divided so a portion flows through  
4 each said nozzle with their streams flowing toward and meeting  
5 one another in said chamber, said body having an outlet port  
6 exiting the chamber.

1 15. Apparatus according to claim 14 in which said portions  
2 of said stream intersect at an included angle not larger than 90

3 degrees.

1       16. Apparatus according to claim 14 in which said portions  
2 of said stream are axially aligned, and in which said exit port  
3 exits the chamber laterally, midway between said nozzles.

1       17. A system for accelerating the solution of treatment gas  
2 into a liquid stream, said system being adapted to receive and  
3 maintain said stream under pressure, said system comprising:

4                 an aspirating injector comprising a body having an  
5 axial passage, a converging section, a throat section and a  
6 diverging section in said passage in that order, an injector port  
7 through said body entering said throat section and adapted to  
8 receive treatment gas to be dissolved in said liquid stream, said  
9 passage having an inlet port to receive said stream, and an  
10 outlet port;

11                 a collider having an inlet port and an outlet port,  
12 said inlet port being connected to the outlet port of the  
13 injector, its outlet port being connected to a fluid release  
14 receiving said stream from said last mentioned outlet port for  
15 releasing the treated stream from the system while maintaining  
16 the system under pressure.

1       18. A system according to claim 17 in which said collider

2 comprises a body forming a chamber, pair of nozzles opposing one  
3 another, said stream being divided so a portion flows through  
4 each said nozzle with their streams flowing toward and meeting  
5 one another in said chamber, said body having an outlet port  
6 exiting the chamber.

1           19. A system according to claim 18 in which said portions  
2 of said stream intersect at an included angle not larger than 90  
3 degrees.

1           20. A system according to claim 18 in which said portions  
2 of said stream are axially aligned, and in which said exit port  
3 exits the chamber laterally, midway between said nozzles.

1           21. A system for accelerating the solution of treatment  
2 gas into a liquid stream, said system being adapted to receive  
3 and maintain said stream under pressure, said system comprising:

4                 an aspirating injector comprising a body having an  
5 axial passage, a converging section, a throat section and a  
6 diverging section in said passage in that order, an injector port  
7 through said body entering said throat section and adapted to  
8 receive treatment gas to be dissolved in said liquid stream, said  
9 passage having an inlet port to receive said stream, and an  
10 outlet port;

11           a reactor having an inlet port and an outlet port, the  
12   inlet port being connected to the outlet port of the injector,  
13   its outlet port connected to a fluid release receiving said  
14   stream from said last mentioned outlet port for releasing the  
15   treated stream from the system while maintaining the system under  
16   pressure.

1           22. A system according to claim 21 in which said fluid  
2   release comprises a gas/liquid separator which separates and  
3   releases the stream's liquid and the stream's gases which remain  
4   undissolved in said liquid.

1           23. A system according to claim 22 in which said fluid  
2   release further includes a regulator valve for the liquid stream.

1           24. Apparatus according to claim 21 in which said reactor  
2   comprises a body having a central axis with an internal  
3   cylindrical wall forming an axial internal cylinder, its said  
4   inlet port adapted to receive said stream, and its said outlet  
5   port adapted to discharge said stream with an increased dissolved  
6   amount of said treatment gas therein, said inlet port and said  
7   outlet port being centrally located on said central axis;

8                 a nozzle in said inlet port directing said stream  
9   axially into said cylinder;

10               a partial barrier extending laterally across said  
11 cylinder dividing said cylinder onto a first chamber and a second  
12 chamber, said barrier having an upstream face facing into said  
13 first chamber and axially facing said nozzle, and a downstream  
14 face facing into said second chamber and facing said outlet port;

15               said upstream face having a concave circular first  
16 reflecting surface centered on said central axis and facing said  
17 nozzle, the radius of said reflecting surface being smaller than  
18 the internal radius of said internal cylindrical wall;

19               a plurality of axially extending arcuate blades, each  
20 having an outer wall closely fitting to said internal cylindrical  
21 wall, a dimension of radial thickness, and an inner wall  
22 concentric with its said outer wall, said blades having axially-  
23 extending side walls, said blades being angularly spaced from one  
24 another to provide an equal number of axial slots between them;

25               a cove surface circularly surrounding said first  
26 nozzle, extending to said inner walls of the blades and to their  
27 intersections with said slots, whereby said stream discharges  
28 from said nozzle so a major portion of it strikes said reflecting  
29 surface, which reverses a major portion of the flow to the cove  
30 surface which in turn reflects a major portion of said flow  
31 toward said barrier along said blades and in said slots, said  
32 partial barrier being pierced between with slots between said  
33 slots to provide for flow from said first chamber into said

34 second chamber, thereby to pass said flow from the first chamber  
35 into said second chamber, said outlet port discharging from said  
36 second chamber.

1       25. Apparatus according to claim 24 in which said second  
2 chamber comprises a partial barrier facing toward said outlet  
3 port, a plurality of blades and slots as in said first chamber,  
4 said slots in the first and second chamber being rotationally  
5 displaced from one another, whereby to form joggle shoulders  
6 encountered by portions of the stream flowing across the  
7 barriers, said second chamber including a cove receptive of some  
8 of the flow across the barrier to reflect at least some of the  
9 flow of the stream to the barrier in said second chamber, which  
10 in turn reflects it to said outlet port.

1       26. A collider receptive of two streams of a gas/liquid  
2 stream to accelerate the solution of the gas into the liquid,  
3 said collider comprising:

4           a body forming a chamber, pair of nozzles opposing one  
5 another, said stream being divided so a portion flows through  
6 each said nozzle with their streams flowing toward and meeting  
7 one another in said chamber, said body having an outlet port  
8 exiting the chamber.

1       27. A collider according to claim 26 in which said portions  
2 of said stream intersect at an included angle not larger than 90  
3 degrees.

1       28. A collider according to claim 26 in which said portions  
2 of said stream are axially aligned, and in which said exit port  
3 exits the chamber laterally, midway between said nozzles.

1       29. A collider according to claim 26 in which each of said  
2 nozzles includes a converging section, and twisting vanes in said  
3 converging section whereby to impart a rotary motion to the outer  
4 region of the stream as it flows through the nozzle.

1       30. A reactor receptive of a stream of liquid and bubbles  
2 of treatment gas, for accelerating the solution of said gas in  
3 said liquid, said reactor comprising:

4                 a body having a central axis with an internal  
5 cylindrical wall forming an axial internal cylinder, its said  
6 inlet port adapted to receive said stream, and its said outlet  
7 port adapted to discharge said stream with an increased dissolved  
8 amount of said treatment gas therein, said inlet port and said  
9 outlet port being centrally located on said central axis;

10                a nozzle in said inlet port directing said stream

11 axially into said cylinder;  
12                   a partial barrier extending laterally across said  
13 cylinder dividing said cylinder onto a first chamber and a second  
14 chamber, said barrier having an upstream face facing into said  
15 first chamber and axially facing said nozzle, and a downstream  
16 face facing into said second chamber and facing said outlet port;  
17                   said upstream face having a concave circular first  
18 reflecting surface centered on said central axis and facing said  
19 nozzle, the radius of said reflecting surface being smaller than  
20 the internal radius of said internal cylindrical wall;  
21                   a plurality of axially extending arcuate blades, each  
22 having an outer wall closely fitting to said internal cylindrical  
23 wall, a dimension of radial thickness, and an inner wall  
24 concentric with its said outer wall, said blades having axially-  
25 extending side walls, said blades being angularly spaced from one  
26 another to provide an equal number of axial slots between them;  
27                   a cove surface circularly surrounding said first  
28 nozzle, extending to said inner walls of the blades and to their  
29 intersections with said slots, whereby said stream discharges  
30 from said nozzle so a major portion of it strikes said reflecting  
31 surface, which reverses a major portion of the flow to the cove  
32 surface which in turn reflects a major portion of said flow  
33 toward said barrier along said blades and in said slots, said  
34 partial barrier being pierced between with slots between said

35 slots to provide for flow from said first chamber into said  
36 second chamber, thereby to pass said flow from the first chamber  
37 into said second chamber, said outlet port discharging from said  
38 second chamber.

1       31. A reactor according to claim 30 in which said second  
2 chamber comprises a partial barrier facing toward said outlet  
3 port, a plurality of blades and slots as in said first chamber,  
4 said slots in the first and second chamber being rotationally  
5 displaced from one another, whereby to form joggle shoulders  
6 encountered by portions of the stream flowing across the  
7 barriers, said second chamber including a cove receptive of some  
8 of the flow across the barrier to reflect at least some of the  
9 flow of the stream to the barrier in said second chamber, which  
10 in turn reflects it to said outlet port.

1       32. A reactor according to claim 31 in which said fluid  
2 release comprises a gas/liquid separator which separate and  
3 releases the stream's liquid and the stream's gases which remain  
4 undissolved in said liquid.